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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date July 2, 2007, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 2, 2007. please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.